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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (July 16-23, 2007)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

¶2. (U) From July 16-23, 2007, four security officials were killed, including two killed in action (KIA) and two in IED explosions. Six security officials were wounded in action (WIA) due to an IED explosion.

¶3. (U) During this same period, three PKK terrorists were killed in action, seven were captured, and three surrendered.

¶4. (U) The TGS website reported two clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists in southeastern Turkey during the reporting period. Security forces unearthed at least seven PKK shelters/caves and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

¶5. (U) On July 17, a group of PKKers raided a marble mine in Hani, Diyarbakir Province and took cell phones and other belongings of the workers.

¶6. (U) On July 23, a civilian was injured when ammunition belonging to the PKK and abandoned in a field in Guclukonak, Sirnak Province, was accidentally detonated.

¶7. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES	NUMBER
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May 2007	40
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June 2007 40
 July 1-7, 2007 5
 July 8-16, 2007 3
 July 16-23, 2007 2

CASUALTIES

Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA
 June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA
 July 1-7, 2007 1 KIA, 4 WIA
 July 8-16, 2007 3 KIA, 0 WIA
 July 16-23, 2007 4 KIA, 6 WIA

PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered
 June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered
 July 1-7, 2007 3 KIA, 0 captured, 0 surrendered
 July 8-16, 2007 3 KIA, 3 captured, 4 surrendered

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July 16-23, 2007 3 KIA, 7 captured, 3 surrendered

CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007 113
 June 2007 50
 July 1-7, 2007 13
 July 8-16, 2007 8
 July 16-23, 2007 2

18. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007.

TURKISH SECURITY FORCES

KIA WIA

JANUARY	1	2
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	5	4
APRIL	18	16
MAY	15	42
JUNE	24	51
July 1-7, 2007	1	4
July 8-16, 2007	3	0
July 16-23, 2007	4	6
TOTAL	72	135

PKK
 KIA Captured Surrendered

JANUARY	0	5	3
FEBRUARY	0	14	0
MARCH	16	15	7
APRIL	16	8	4
MAY	20*	31	3
JUNE	34	16	17
July 1-7, 2007	3	0	0
July 8-16, 2007	3	3	4
July 16-23, 2007	3	7	3
TOTAL	95	99	41

* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS
 KIA WIA

JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	0	0
APRIL	1	0
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MAY	14*	108*
JUNE	1	1
July 1-7, 2007	0	0
July 8-16, 2007	0	1
July 16-23, 2007	0	1
TOTAL	17	111

* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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